

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

7173553898

16/ 17

DEC 20 2004

Atty. Docket No. 17545

PATENT APPLICATIONIN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Douglas R. OTTO, et al.

Appln. No. 10/822,464

Filing Date: April 12, 2004

Title: HEADER LIFT SYSTEM WITH
HYDRAULIC COUNTERWEIGHT:
(As Amended)

Examiner: Arpad F. Kovacs

Art Unit: 3671

Confirm. No.: 3128

December 20, 2004
(Monday)Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted via facsimile or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date indicated below.

By Collin A. Webb

X

Date

12/20/04

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-98 and in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

The following co-pending, commonly assigned patent application may be relevant to the above-identified patent application.

Inventors	Application No.	Filing Date	Att'y. Docket No.
Douglas R. Otto Kenneth W. McClean	10/814,409	March 31, 2004	15164
Douglas R. Otto Kenneth W. McClean	10/822,465	April 12, 2004	15164

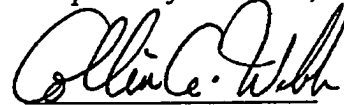
Applicants request that the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited information by initialing the margin above.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to a first office action on the merits, a \$180 surcharge is believed due. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee Deposit Account No. 14-0780.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New Holland, Pennsylvania office by telephone at (717) 355-4954.

CNH America LLC
Intellectual Property Department
Mail Stop 641
500 Diller Avenue
P.O. Box 1895
New Holland, Pennsylvania 17557-0903

Respectfully submitted,



Attorney for Applicants
Collin A. Webb
Reg. No. 44,396